



Minutes

CPFI Annual Business Meeting, Friday June 10,2016

Coastal ABCDE Conference Center

Spring Maid Beach Resort

Myrtle Beach, South Carolina

The annual meeting of Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International was called to order by President Fred Eckel at 4:30 PM. Fred provided the opening invocation.

M/S/C (Hames/Gissandanner) to suspend the reading of the minutes of the 6-5-15 business meeting and to approve them as printed.

President Eckel welcomed all members in attendance.

New Business: none noted.

Special Reports and/ or addresses:

Vice President Gene Lutz reported on the CPFI committee structure, highlighting the purpose and activities of each committee. He encouraged all members to become more involved by participating in the committee work.

Representing the Student Advisory Council, Charlotte Wilson noted that additional members are always welcomed on committees. She specifically explained that the subcommittee calling recent grads to encourage them to retain their membership as young professionals is seeking more volunteers as callers.

All special reports are available on the CPFI Website and members are encouraged to read them and forward any questions they may have.

Member Camille Wissman spoke to indicate the need for a bigger CPFI presence nationally, with more pharmacists in more states participating. Multiple ideas were offered from the floor on ways to do this, including Facebook and other social media.

Executive Director Ron Herman reported on updates to the CPFI web page. It contains a wealth of information and he encouraged members to use it more frequently.

Greg Carlson, Finance chair, was pleased to report that 2015 was a good year for CPFI, and financially it remains "in the black." He noted that membership dues represent 48% of the budget, and donations provide 45%. He highlighted opportunities for members to donate to CPFI.

Herb Hames (annual meeting committee), invited all members to the 2017 annual conference, to be held June 15-18 at the Glen Eyrie Conference Center in Colorado Springs, CO. President Fred Eckel shared that CPFI is always looking for new locations to hold this conference and encouraged members to contact the office with ideas.

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Elections of new officers:

Nominees for the Board of Directors were each given an opportunity to make brief remarks. Two Board members will be chosen from the following: Keith Allhands, Jeff Bates, Joy Greene, and Mark Johnson. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer are also being elected, with the current officers seeking reelection.

Ballots were distributed to all members.

Announcements:

Susan Lutz, chairperson of the Silent Auction, expressed her appreciation for the generous support of all who brought silent auction items and to those who participated in the bidding. Again this year, the event generated a good deal of enthusiasm and the funds raised will provide internal grants to student chapters to take on special projects. Lutz also thanked Sue Hussar for her outstanding assistance with the event this year.

Executive Director Ron Herman updated members on the status of the CPFI Ethical Statements that have been approved to date. (These statements apply to both CMDA and CPFI and a committee of the CPFI board had reviewed and modified the CPFI statements to parallel those of CMDA when applicable.) In the meantime, CMDA has approved several new ethical statements which will need to be addressed in the coming months. To date, no joint ethical statements have been endorsed by CMDA.

Member Clarence Gissendanner requested that, if possible, future meetings offer a plan for day care during the conference, to allow family members to more fully participate in the conference activities.

President Fred Eckel announced the election results. Joy Greene and Mark Johnson were each elected to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Greg Carlson was re-elected Treasurer and Susan Lutz was re-elected Secretary, each for a two-year term.

M/S/C (Hames/ Merrick) to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Fred Eckel offered the closing benediction.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,

Susan C. Lutz, Secretary